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I write to complain regarding the DoJ's dangerously cynical sellout of the American people.

The DoJ's toothless settlement snatches defeat from the jaws of victory by shortselling the merits on many counts. Among the many sad weaknesses is API sharing, which is a great idea, but is badly designed. Gaining access to the APIs is made far too difficult and is then rendered nearly worthless by requiring sharing of the finished code with Microsoft. The anti-non-profit language in Section III(J)(2) wipes out Linux and many other OSes competing with Windows. The anti-government language there is also unforgivable. The settlement does not begin to account for the damage done to competitors like Apple.

There are countless more fatal errors with the settlement.
Please withdraw it.

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